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Seguin Commission on the Arts Announces New Competition

SEGUIN, Texas – The Seguin Commission on the Arts is hosting a competition for a public art project located within Walnut Springs Park. The project is a Utility Box Art Contest where the selected artist will paint their proposed artwork on the City of Seguin's utility box located in the park behind the County Annex building.

"One of the goals of the Commission is to encourage public art in our community," said Kim Schmitt, Chair of the Seguin Commission on the Arts, "This project will be our next public art piece and as much of the public art in Walnut Springs is aviary themed, we are requesting the proposals for this work to also be of an aviary theme."

Decorating utility boxes is becoming a popular form of public art, being done in large and small communities alike. Boston and Los Angeles both have hundreds of decorated utility boxes, and closer to home, the City of Georgetown has also held a utility box art competition.

Artists interested in submitting a proposal will need to supply an application, pictures of previous artwork, a resume, and up to three designs. The application and guidelines can be found on the City of Seguin's Main Street web site and the Commission's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SeguinArts.

The selected artist will receive a \$200 stipend, recognition in press and marketing materials, and their signature on the artwork. All submissions must be turned into the City of Seguin Main Street Program by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2015.

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